PULITZER PRIZE WINNER: 2008, 2010, 2011

MILWAUKEE ◆ WISCONSIN

JOURNAL SENTINEL

Happy New Year! 2018

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018 JSOnline.com PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

Frisco, the oldest horse at Amazing Grace Equine Rescue, is boarded with the blind horses. MARK HOFFMAN / MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Rescuers try to prevent slaughtering of horses

A sign greets visitors at Amazing Grace Equine Rescue in Elkhart Lake. MARK HOFFMAN / MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Animals find a home in Elkhart Lake to avoid being shipped across U.S. borders

Rescued horses gather around a hay mound at Amazing Grace Equine Rescue in Elkhart Lake. MARK HOFFMAN / MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Rick Barrett
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

Seven years ago, Sue Wellman thought she had secured a retirement home for a harness racing horse named Bob Again.

Wellman, from De Soto in southwest Wisconsin, runs the American Standardbred Adoption Program.

Bob Again was shipped off to Missouri.

But in October, Wellman was sickened to learn that Bob Again had been spotted online at a horse disposal business in Bastrop, La., in grave danger of being shipped to a slaughter plant in Mexico. She had no idea the 18-year-old horse, whose racing career ended in 2003, had been dumped by his owner — a breach of the program's adoption contract.

Immediately, Wellman said, she went about raising $2,350 in "bail money" to get Bob Again out of the kill pen and back to safety at her farm in De Soto.

"We are still dealing with the adopter to find out how in the world this happened," Wellman said.

The last horse slaughter plants in the United States closed about a decade ago. But about 100,000 U.S. horses a year are shipped to slaughterhouses in

See HORSES, Page 14A

> "You get numb to it after a while. This isn't for the faint of heart."
>
> **Erin Groth**
> Founder of Amazing Grace Equine Sanctuary

5 Colorado deputies are shot, 1 fatally, in 'ambush'

Sheriff says the suspect, who died in the attack, fired over 100 rounds

Colleen Slevin and Elliot Spagat
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER – A man fired more than 100 rounds at sheriff's deputies in Colorado early Sunday, killing one and injuring four others, before being fatally shot himself in what authorities called an ambush. Two civilians were also injured.

Douglas County Sheriff Tony Spurlock said deputies came under fire almost immediately and were shot "very, very quickly" after entering a suburban Denver apartment and trying to talk with the suspect, who was holed up inside a bedroom.

"They all went down almost within seconds of each other, so it was more of an ambush-type of attack on our officers," Spurlock said. "He knew we were coming and we obviously let him know that we were there."

The Douglas County coroner identified the suspect as 37-year-old Matthew Riehl.

A YouTube user named Matthew Riehl posted a YouTube video Dec. 13, saying he wanted to replace Spurlock

See DEPUTIES, Page 12A

Bublr Bikes' top rider logged more than 1,500 miles in 2017

Milwaukee resident rides mostly for 'fun, exercise'

James B. Nelson
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

Wayne Wu travels a lot for his job as a research ophthalmologist but finds time for relaxing bike rides when he's home in Milwaukee.

Make that a lot of bike rides.

Wu topped the leaderboard in terms of miles ridden in 2017 by Bublr Bikes customers, according to data from the bike-sharing program.

And it wasn't really close.

"CW crushed it," said Bublr Executive Director Sally Sheperdson, referring to Wu by his username.

As of the third week of December, Wu

See BUBLR, Page 7A

Cutting Medicaid, Medicare?
GOP candidates for U.S. Senate say they are open to overhauling entitlements. **3A**

Lions bury Packers, 35-11
Green Bay finishes with its first losing season since 2008. **1B**

Weather
High 7° Low -7°
Sunny. Forecast, **4C**

Volume 136 | Issue 47
Home delivery pricing inside
Subscribe 844-900-7103
©2018

Daily $2 City and suburbs
$2 and higher elsewhere